

Getting God's Input

"The Power Of A Whisper", Part 2 of 7
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I) DISCERNING GOD'S WHISPERS FROM OTHERS

- 1) Ask, "God, is this prompting ___TRULY FROM YOU? ___"
- 2) Ask, "Is what is being said completely ___BIBLICAL? ___"
- 3) Ask, "Is this a ___WISE THING TO DO ___?"
- 4) Ask, "Is this in alignment with who ___GOD MADE ME ___?"
- 5) Ask, "What do my trustworthy ___FRIENDS THINK OF IT ___?"

II) WHAT KIND OF WHISPERS DOES GOD SPEAK?

1) God tends to speak to us through whispers of ___ACTION___.

"The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD..."

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out... 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it... Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.' Noah did everything just as God commanded him."
(Genesis 6:5-22, NIV)

Question #1) Is God calling you to BUILD SOMETHING NEW TODAY?

Reason #1) Every follower of God is created to do GOOD WORKS.

2) God tends to speak to us through whispers of ADMONITION.

"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.'" (Matthew 16:21-23, NIV)

Question #2) Is God revealing to you some COURSE CORRECTION?

Reason #2) Every follower of God is on a non-stop LIFE-CHANGE JOURNEY.

3) God tends to speak to us through whispers of ASSURANCE.

"After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea on the west. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

(Joshua 1:1-9, NIV)

Question #3) What whisper of ASSURANCE do you need most today?

Reason #3) Though every follower of God suffers loss, GOD IS GOOD.

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